

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL FACILITIES TO MINE WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of diseases notified under section 25 of the Mines Act, 1952;
- (b) the number and percentage of miners suffering from such diseases during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measure to save the lives of such miners;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the further steps taken by the Government to check and control such diseases;
- (f) whether the contractors are responsible for mines accidents;
- (g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government against guilty contractors;and
- (h) the names of schemes under which assistance provided to the families of deceased labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a): The following diseases have been notified under Section 25 of the Mines Act, 1952.
- (i) Silicosis
 - (ii) Pneumoconiosis
 - (iii) Manganese Poisoning – nervous type
 - (iv) Asbestosis
 - (v) Cancer of lung or the stomach or the pleura and peritoneum (i.e. Mesothelioma).
- (b): The number and percentage of miners suffering from such diseases during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.
- (c)& (d): The Mines Act, 1952 and rules and regulations framed thereunder provide for the workers suffering from occupational diseases to undergo medical treatment at the cost of management with full wages during the period of such treatment. The details of specific measure for prevention of notified diseases are given in Annexure-II.
- (e): The measures undertaken by the Government to prevent and control notified diseases are as under:-
- (i) Enforcement of legislative provisions through regular inspection of mines by the officers of Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS).
 - (ii) Legal action in the form of prohibitory orders and prosecution in case of repeated violations of legislative provisions.
 - (iii) Studies and surveys for detection of notified diseases.
 - (iv) Tripartite and bipartite conferences.
 - (v) Awareness and training programmes for workers and employers.
 - (vi) Issue of Technical Circulars by DGMS

(f) & (g): Yes Sir, in some of the mine accidents contractors are held responsible. The details of mine accidents along with the action taken against guilty contractors are given in Annexure -III.

(h): Employment to the dependant of the deceased is provided by the respective mine management apart from giving compensation. The amount of compensation is determined by the Compensation Commissioner under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.